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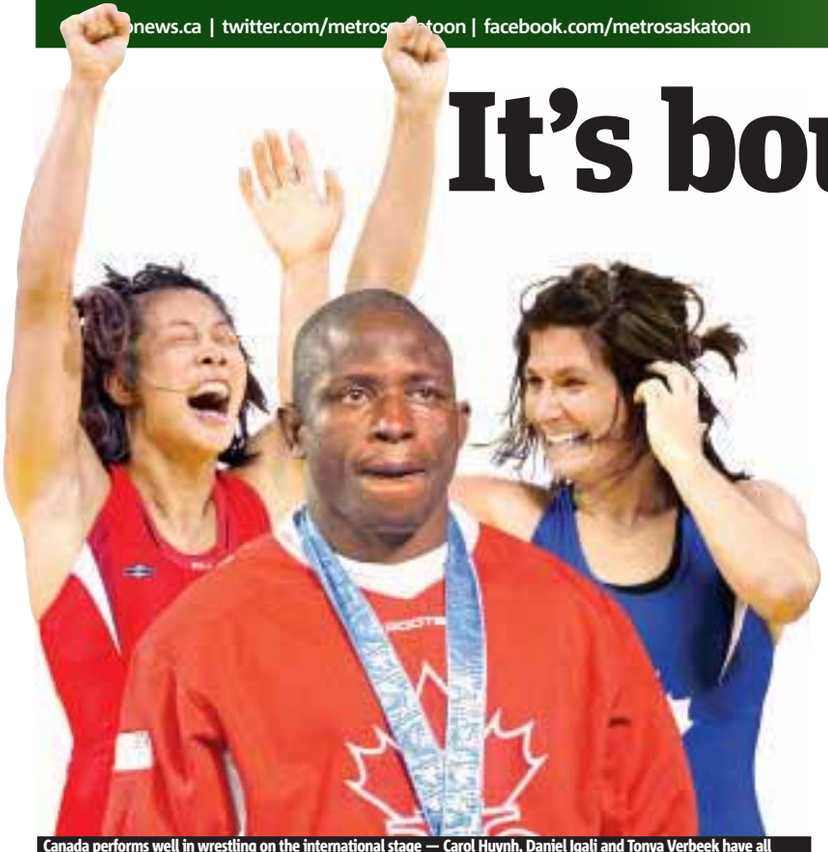

Canada performs well in wrestling on the international stage — Carol Huynh, Daniel Igali and Tonya Verbeek have all medalled at the Olympics. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS, DAVID HENFELDER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; ILLUSTRATION BY DAVID VAN DYKE/METRO

Wrestlers have Olympic fight on their hands.

'We're combative people,' Wrestling Canada president says

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

The international wrestling community is gearing up for a fight to keep the sport in the Olympics, launching a lobbying campaign no one knew was needed until Tuesday's surprise decision by the International Olympic Committee.

"We didn't even know we were on the chopping block," said Wrestling Canada president Don Ryan.

Canada performs well in wrestling, especially since women's wrestling became an Olympic sport in 2004. Daniel Igali won gold in 2000, as did Carol Huynh in 2008, who also won bronze in 2012. Tonya Verbeek won silver in 2004 and bronze in 2008 and 2012.

The IOC executive board announced it is recommending freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling be dropped from the Olympic program, a decision that is set to be ratified in May.

"We're wrestling. We're combative people. We're going to pull our sleeves up and get to work on saving our sport for 2020," Ryan said.

If the decision is ratified, wrestling will join seven other sports — baseball/softball, karate, roller sports, sport climbing, squash, wakeboarding and wushu — to lobby for inclusion in the 2020 games.

Huynh, who won gold in Beijing, expressed her shock over Twitter: "Can't believe IOC is cutting wrestling! Huge blow to our sport all over the world."

The sport's governing body, the International Federation of Associated Wrestling Styles (FILA), was already scheduled to hold its bi-annual meeting in Phuket, Thailand, this weekend. It will now focus on the Olympic problem, Ryan said.

After the 2000 Olympics, FILA changed some rules in an effort to make the sport more exciting. Rounds were shortened and scoring was simplified. At the upcoming meeting, FILA was to discuss encouraging "more high-action moves" and making scoring easier to understand, said Ryan.

Modern pentathlon and taekwondo were seen as more likely to be cut from the Olympics than wrestling. Asked about the lobbying efforts, sponsorships, power and money involved in those sports, Ryan said he hopes the IOC's decisions aren't made on that basis.

Gaining popularity

"With MMA, a lot of the top athletes, including Georges St. Pierre, have wrestling as a base, and a lot more kids are going out to get that wrestling background now."
Wrestling Canada president Don Ryan

While the IOC has not given a concrete reason for the decision, it claims it's based on a report that analyzes numerous factors, including television ratings, ticket sales, anti-doping policy and global participation, as well as popularity.

"This is a process of renewing and renovating the program for the Olympics," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said. "It's not a case of what's wrong with wrestling, it is what's right with the 25 core sports."

Ryan said wrestling's lobbying consists of presenting values of the sport, which includes its global representation from more than 180 countries, how it has sold out tickets to events in all of the Olympics since 1996, and that it is affordable.

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Heavy snowfall means 'above average' water runoff

Saskatchewan Water Security Agency.
The amount of water produced when the snow melts could be up to 200 per cent higher than normal: WSA

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It could be a sloppy spring for parts of Saskatchewan.

The Saskatchewan Water Security Agency (WSA) says heavy snowfalls over the winter will result in "an above-normal" level of runoff water in the spring of 2013.

Patrick Boyle, a spokesperson with the WSA, explained that although it's too early to tell how individual streams and communities will be affected by the higher-than-normal numbers, the snow water equivalent — which is the amount of water produced when the snow melts — may be 150 to 200 per cent higher than normal.

"It really depends on a number of factors moving forward, like the snow accumulation for the rest of winter, the rate of melt in the spring and the amount of rainfall in the spring during the run off," said Boyle. However, he said some areas between Prince Albert and Saskatoon along with areas between Moose Jaw and Yorkton have potential for runoff much higher than normal.

John Paul Cragg, warning-preparedness meteorologist with Environment Canada, said the coming spring is expected to bring normal temperatures to the province but noted a lot can happen over the next three months.

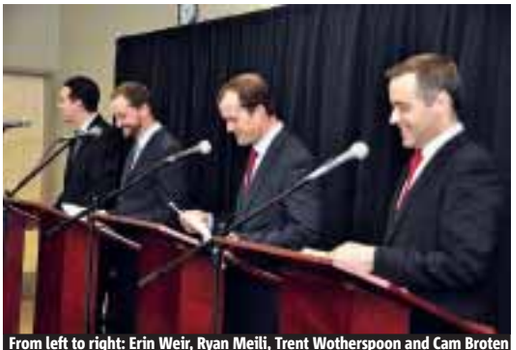
"It's a really tough question, whether or not it will be a warm spring in a way that will cause issues with flooding," said Cragg.

"Looking at the forecast for February, we're looking at temperature being above normal to the near-normal mark, and March can still be cold.

"So it's still up in the air of what spring is going to be," he said.

A woman prepares to manoeuvre around a puddle in Saskatoon on Tuesday afternoon. The provincial government said after heavy amounts of winter precipitation it's expecting higher-than-normal amounts of runoff this spring. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Four under 40 vie for Sask. NDP leadership



From left to right: Erin Weir, Ryan Meili, Trent Wotherspoon and Cam Broten are all smiles at a candidates debate in Melfort. BRIAN SKLAR/CONTRIBUTED

The election of the next leader of the Saskatchewan NDP is less than a month away.

The four-way race, between Trent Wotherspoon, Erin Weir, Cam Broten and Ryan Meili, will be coming to a head on March 9 when Saskatchewan NDP members will elect their new leader.

What is still unknown, however, is whether any of these candidates could compete with the popularity of Premier Brad Wall and the Saskatchewan Party in a general election.

"You've got four candidates vying for leadership who are all under 40, and that is not an accident," said Charles Smith, assistant professor of political studies at St. Thomas More College, University of Saskatchewan. "I think that is about people trying to revive a party that had grown stale."

In 2011's provincial election, the NDP lost more than half its seats in a wave of support for the Saskatchewan Party. Then-NDP leader Dwain Lingenfelter was unable to win his own seat and as a result resigned his leadership.

"If you look at Premier Wall's popularity — that is a pretty tough mountain to climb," said Smith. "The challenge for the (NDP) is that they are going to need to define their new leader. They can't let the Sask. Party define their leader in the eyes of the public."

NDP interim leader John Nilson says he is impressed by the momentum the race is gaining as it enters its final leg.

"I think people in Saskatchewan are ready for a government that makes sure our good economy is shared by everyone," said Nilson. "I think that theme has come through in the leadership campaign."

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Buy an item to remind you of good times at Patricia Hotel

Items up for bid include Roughriders bar table. Others might be of use to small businesses, auctioneer says

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Memories from the Patricia Hotel are going, going, gone.

People in Saskatoon want to take home a piece of the Patricia Hotel, as the auctioneers responsible for selling off the remains of the hotel say they've seen a strong response to the items on sale.

The Patricia Hotel, known as The Pat, closed down on Jan. 8, and although there have been a number of people who are after a deal, others are after a memory.

"There's been a phenomenal response," said Peta McDougall, one of the owners at McDougall Auctioneers Saskatoon Ltd.

"People are always excited when there's auctions, and it's nice that they can associate their memories," she added. "I'm sure people have told some very interesting stories over those bar tables. So things like that, they obviously pique people's interest."

Alongside items that may trigger memories, McDougall also noted there would be a number of deals for small businesses at the auction, as some of the other items, like full bedroom suites and a restaurant fire-suppression system, are sometimes hard to come by.

"There's a big-business component too," she said.

Some of the items up for bid that have been attracting a lot of attention include a Saskatchewan Roughriders bar table and a Texaco-gas-pump bubblegum dispenser.

Joe's Sports Bar & Grill

Items from Joe's Sports Bar & Grill are also up for auction.

- All items will be on display Tuesday at McDougall's downtown location.
- The auction is being held online on Wednesday.

One of the few remaining signs from the Pat Hotel in Downtown Saskatoon. The auctioneers who have been tasked with selling off the hotel's belongings said people are lining up to get their piece of history. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Chris Morin, left, and Ryan Smith strike a serious pose at last year's OMFEST. OMFEST 2 will again celebrate Ominocity, a local arts-and-culture blog, this time a beer night, a show and a morning-after brunch. JADE BUGERA/CONTRIBUTED

Arts blog to celebrate second anniversary with a big bash

Settling into a booth at Amigos Cantina, Ryan Smith and Chris Morin — the creative minds behind the arts-and-culture blog Ominocity — laugh at each other for mistakenly wearing the same T-shirt.

But considering how Ominocity has grown in popularity, building a huge audience of dedicated readers in its first two years, this inherent synchronization between the two creators may be their secret to success.

"We're turning two: It's beyond anyone's expectations," said Morin with a laugh. "We didn't have a two-year plan."

As the blog continues to grow, the pair said now is the time to really start making long-term plans for the site.

"It's kind of been a hobby, and we both have day jobs, so we'd like to explore trying to do it more and have it become more of our day," said Smith. "We've always concentrated on trying to build up the site and expand our audience, so now we're going to try to make it sustainable."

"I'd really like to have more time to expand the quality and quantity of the articles," said Morin.

Celebrating the site's second birthday, the pair are throwing a massive bash called OMFEST. Taking place March 2-3, the party includes a beer night, a live show featuring local Saskatchewan bands and a brunch the next morning.

"Ominocity is kind of a champion for Saskatoon art and culture, and we're trying to make OMFEST an example for all the great things in Saskatoon," said Smith. "And we're going to make a big spectacle of it."

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1st Street East

Guns, drugs and cash: Bust on suspected meth dealership nets three suspects

Guns, ammo and meth-amphetamines were some of the items seized in a search executed by the Saskatoon Integrated Drug Unit on Monday.

The search, which was the result of a two-month-long investigation, was targeting people in Saskatoon and the surrounding area who were suspected of dealing large amounts of meth.

With the assistance of the Saskatoon Emergency Response Team and canine, air support, special investigations and patrol members, the warrants were carried out in the 200 block of 1st Street East and in the Shields townsite at Blackstrap.

Alongside firearms, more than 500 rounds of ammunition and other weapons, the SIDU also seized 155 grams of meth, 23 grams of cocaine, a small amount of marijuana, ecstasy pills and roughly $35,000 in cash.

Two 36-year-old men and a 28-year-old woman are in custody and facing over 70 Criminal Code and Controlled Drugs and Substances Act offences.

The accused are scheduled to appear in provincial court Wednesday morning, and police say the investigation is ongoing. METRO

A lot of ammo

500

More than 500 rounds of ammunition were among the items seized in Monday's bust, the SIDU said.

Cancer

Beardy's Okemasis elder dies of illness

A well-respected aboriginal elder in Saskatchewan has died in hospital of cancer.

Howard Cameron, a member of the Beardy's Okemasis First Nation near Duck Lake, was recognized as a ceremonial keeper in his community since 2000. The former Mountie was also the father of RCMP officer Robin Cameron, who followed in his footsteps but was shot to death in the line of duty near Spiritwood, Sask., in 2006.

The elder Cameron was stationed in various communities during his policing career and played an active role in the province's child-welfare review. In 2005, he received the Centennial Award of Merit from the province.

No funeral plans have been made.

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Patrick Brazeau. Senator shows up for work in time to be put on forced leave

Senators have voted to force Sen. Patrick Brazeau, who is facing criminal charges, to take a leave of absence.

The Conservative motion passed Tuesday "to protect the dignity and reputation of the Senate and the public trust and confidence in Parliament."

Brazeau, 38, made a surprise appearance just prior to the vote, which also gave a Senate committee the power to cut off access to his expense account.

Brazeau, who is currently free on bail, has been charged with assault and sexual assault.

If convicted, he could either be suspended or expelled by the Senate or he could choose to resign.

Brazeau was charged on the very day a Senate committee declared it would call in auditors to review his housing expenses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Anti-Senate

32%

A Canadian Press/Harris Decima poll says 32 per cent of respondents feel the Senate should be abolished.

Sen. Patrick Brazeau leaves a vote in which he was forced to take a leave of absence by the Senate chamber. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Wanted ex-cop believed to have died in burning cabin

California. Deputy killed in latest shootout with man thought to be Christopher Dorner

The extraordinary manhunt for the former Los Angeles police officer suspected of three murders converged Tuesday on a mountain cabin where authorities believe he barricaded himself inside, engaged in a shootout that killed a deputy and then never emerged as the home went up in flames.

A single gunshot was heard from within, and a charred body was found inside.

TV helicopters showed the fire burning freely with no apparent effort to extinguish it. Smoke rose into the sky above the snow-covered woods near Big Bear Lake, a resort town about 128 kilometres east of Los Angeles.

If the man inside proves to be Christopher Dorner, the search for the most wanted man in America will have ended the way he expected — death, with police in pursuit.

Thousands of officers had been on the hunt for the former Navy reservist since police said he launched a campaign to exact revenge against the Los Angeles Police Department for his firing. They say he threatened to bring "warfare" to officers and their families, setting off a search for him across the Southwest and Mexico.

After the man holed up in the cabin, there was a second gun battle with San Bernardino County deputies, two of whom were shot. One died, and the other was expected to live after surgery. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Wasn't yet identified

"We have reason to believe that it is him."

Bernardino County sheriff's spokeswoman Cynthia Bachman on the man inside the blazing cabin.

The cabin in Big Bear, Calif., where ex-Los Angeles police officer Christopher Dorner was believed to have barricaded himself, burns unopposed on Tuesday. KABC-TV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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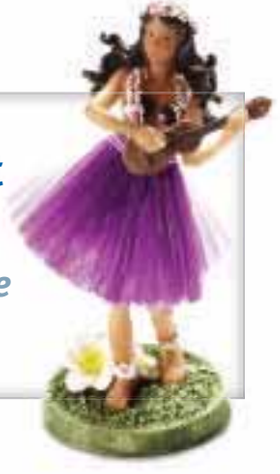

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Got a zombie plan? Quebec prepares to beat back the endless ranks of the dead

If the unbreathing hordes do rise one day to take their long-awaited revenge against the living, Quebec's public security department plans to be ready.

Participants at an annual symposium on civil security next week will be discussing, among other topics, how they would handle a zombie attack.

A department spokesman says the exercise has a serious purpose: the drill is meant to simulate a real-life catastrophe.

"When we're talking about zombies, we're talking about a training concept," says Denis Landry, director of disaster recovery.

Hypothetical zombie attacks are becoming a popular emergency-preparedness teaching tool. Even the Centers for Disease Control in the United States has used the tactic. It has a graphic novel on its website dubbed Preparedness 101: Zombie Pandemic.

The idea behind the exercise is that if you're ready to fend off the shambling legions, you're probably ready for anything.

"Just about every U.S. state has adopted this type of exercise," Landry said.

British Columbia conducted a similar exercise last May, hoping to generate awareness of social media tools that could help in real emergencies.

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security held yet another exercise last September.

But don't expect any fake blood or face-paint at the event in Laval, near Montreal. Landry says there won't actually be a ghoulish dramatization.

The event will consist of several hundred first responders, civil-security experts, firemen and municipal officials.

The zombie workshop will take place over three days. Participants will deal with a number of issues: infections, infrastructure damage, death, housing issues, work absences and the drop in tourism.

Landry says the vengeful dead will force officials to think outside the box.

"The idea is for them not to get caught in a scenario they already know — for example, the annual flooding in the Monteregie or the 1996 Saguenay floods or the 1998 ice storm," Landry said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Infectious horrors

"It's ... designed to prepare authorities for any kind of disaster, right up to pandemics."

Denis Landry, director of disaster recovery with the Quebec civil security department

Marc Ouellet

Stephen Colbert fears Canuck pope

Is the world ready for a Canadian pope? Stephen Colbert says no.

Colbert devoted most of his satirical news show The Colbert Report to coverage of the pope's resignation, including papal candidates such as Quebec native Cardinal Marc Ouellet.

"The Pope cannot be polite," said Colbert. "I'm sorry but 'I think God might not want you to use a condom, eh' won't work."

He also feared Ouellet might replace the golden staff with a hockey stick.

"After all, God's an American," Colbert explained. "That's why the Bible is in English." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Starvation worries

May be time for polar bear welfare: Report

Several top scientists say it may soon be time to start setting out food for some polar bear populations.

In a new paper, the researchers argue the loss of sea ice the bears use to hunt is so advanced in some areas the predators may need help to survive. THE CANADIAN PRESS

State of the Union.
Speech includes Obama's promise to end war by '15

President Barack Obama said Tuesday he will bring home within a year about half of the 66,000 U.S. troops now in Afghanistan, shrinking the force to the size he found it when he entered the White House vowing to reinvigorate a stalemated war.

More will leave the battlefield in 2014, he said, but he did not spell out what U.S. military presence would remain after 2014, when the U.S.-led combat mission is scheduled to end. The stated goal is to prepare Afghanistan's army and police to handle the Taliban insurgency largely on their own by then.

Obama said that his war goals could be achieved by bringing 34,000 U.S. troops home by this time next year, leaving somewhere between 32,000 and 34,000 to support and train Afghan forces.

Without going into specifics, Obama said the phase-out of American combat troops in Afghanistan will continue in 2014. "This drawdown will continue. And by the end of next year, our war in Afghanistan will be over," he said, adding that al-Qaida is no longer the threat it was on Sept. 11, 2001.

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President Barack Obama gestures toward Vice-President Joe Biden and House Speaker John Boehner before his speech. CHARLES DHARAPAK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Obama: 'Nuclear tests do not make North Korea more secure'

A South Korean protester shouts slogans in Seoul on Tuesday during an anti-North Korea rally following the report of a nuclear test conducted by the repressive regime. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Retaliatory strike unlikely. International community decries regime's continued pursuit of weapon capable of reaching U.S. shores

Defying UN warnings, North Korea conducted its third nuclear test in the remote, snowy northeast on Tuesday, taking a crucial step toward its goal of building a bomb small enough to be fitted on a missile capable of striking the United States.

North Korea said the atomic test was merely its "first response" to what it called U.S. threats, and said it will continue with unspecified "second and third measures of greater intensity" if Washington maintains its hostility.

The underground test, which set off powerful seismic waves, drew immediate condemnation from Washington, the UN and others. Even its only major ally, China, summoned the North's ambassador for a dressing-down.

President Barack Obama, who gave a State of the Union address later Tuesday, said nuclear tests "do not make North Korea more secure." Instead, North Korea has "increasingly isolated and impoverished its people through its ill-advised pursuit of weapons of mass destruction," he said in a statement.

But the Obama administration's options for a response are limited, and a U.S. military strike is highly unlikely.

In an emergency session, the UN Security Council unanimously said the test poses "a clear threat to international peace and security" and pledged further action.

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KEYS TO E-DATING SUCCESS: HOW TO SHINE ONLINE

If you do decide to find romance on the net, keep these tips in mind to create a winning dating-site profile

Relationship. Establish the type of relationship you are looking for. Are you looking for a fling, casual dating or a potential long-term relationship? After you establish a clear goal, it will be easier to find an online dating service that suits your needs.

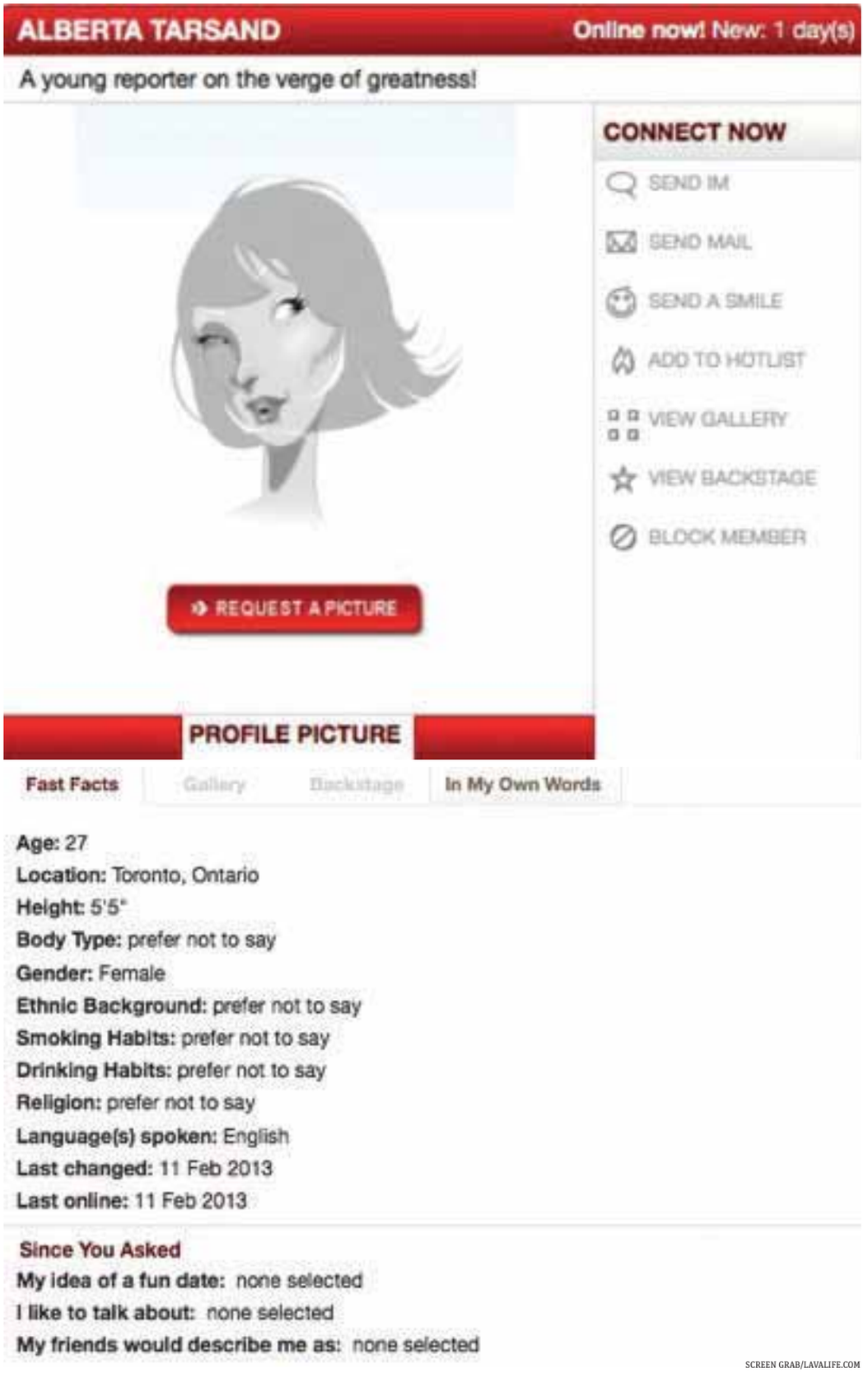
Profile name. Depending on the type of online-dating website you sign up for, your username should indicate you are serious about meeting people. Avoid names with numbers or "xx." Just your first name should suffice if you are wary about using your full name.

Profile photo. Pick a recent photo that shows your true self (not super drunk, not dressed for the clubs and no bikini shots). The most important part is to look confident and happy without trying too hard, and you will attract positive suitors.

Personal facts. Be honest in your profile, especially when it comes to age, body type, whether you smoke or drink and whether you have kids. You wouldn't want the people you meet online to lie about who they are, right?

About me. Your description should be brief, but make it stand out. Try not to sound too clichéd but do take this part of the profile to talk about who you are and why you're trying online dating. Are you too busy with work to go out to the clubs every weekend but are looking to meet someone worth your time?

Interests. Describe your idea of a perfect first date, as this will give an indication of what you like to do for fun. Describe something that sounds engaging and interactive, such as hanging out in a board-game café or playing a round of miniature golf.



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Both paid and free dating websites have their positives and negatives, experts say. OKCUPID.COM, LAVALIFE.COM, PLENTYOFFISH.COM, EHARMONY.CA

Should you pay to play the dating game?

Where to go. Paid and free sites tend to attract different types of clients with different sets of priorities, experts say

RYAN TUMILTY
Metro in Edmonton

When preparing to jump into the online-dating universe, is it better to jump in with just your heart or with your wallet as well?

As dating sites have cropped up, some have opened their doors to members free of charge, while others have monthly subscriptions for those looking for love.

Kimberly Moffit, Match.com's relationship insider, argues that paid sites are there for more committed individuals who are interested in serious relationships.

"It just distinguishes the people who are willing to put the investment in and those who aren't," said Moffit. "They are ready to make an investment in their love life."

Moffit argues that any online dating is a good thing, but people on paid sites are more likely to be taking their search seriously.

"They are more likely looking for some of the same things you are," she said.

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"(Paying for a site) just distinguishes the people who are willing to put the investment in and those who aren't." Kimberly Moffit, Match.com's relationship insider

Christine Hart, a Toronto-based dating coach, said both types of sites have advantages, but free sites tend to attract a different type of prospective dater.

"If they are going to go on the free sites, then they need to be prepared to put in a lot more time sifting through, because the free sites attract people with all levels of goals," she said.

Part of the benefit of paid dating sites is that they attract fewer people, she added.

"You can spend twice as much time sifting through profiles on the free dating sites," she said.

Julie Spira, author of the book The Perils of Cyber-Dating, said she and her clients see benefits to both types of sites.

"It is very common for someone to pick a paid site, and then they will also pick a free site."

She said free sites attract huge numbers of people, which can be appealing simply for the sheer quantity of prospective partners.

"Because they are free ... they have huge critical mass," she said.

Spira said clients who pay for a dating site tend to pay more attention to the service.

"I find that a lot of them log into their paid sites more often because they are invested," she said.

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Stay safe. Don't let your heart get you in trouble online: Cops

While the online-dating world is full of opportunities, it can also be full of perils.

Police have noticed that the excitement that comes with online romance can attract the wrong type of people — those who may cause physical or financial harm.

Acting Sgt. Kathy Macdonald with the Calgary Police Service said new relationships sometimes prevent people from seeing the bigger picture.

"When people get wrapped up in a relationship, they can't see what's going on," she said.

Macdonald said fraud artists using dating sites can go after many potential victims in just one day.

"They will often get a hold of a lot of people at the same time," she said.

According to Macdonald, scam artists often approach someone and strike up a conversation before claiming to have run into sudden and unexplained financial difficulties.

She said if they receive money from their victims, new problems will emerge, and there will be more requests for help.

Macdonald said there could also be physical dangers and she cautions people to take things slowly in the early days of a new relationship.

"Listen to your intuition and be aware of your surroundings," she advised.

Macdonald said making the first date a group meeting is a good idea, but it's essential that it be in a public place and that you tell people where you're going.

"Really, you don't know that person; you don't know who is going to show up."

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON

E-Bytes: Five free iPhone apps for tech-savvy couples

- **Couple App.** Couple is like Facebook, but it can only be shared by two people. You can send messages, chat via Facetime, share photos and video, create moments via doodles and track important dates and tasks. There's also a "Thinking of you" button when that's all you want to say.

- **Avocado App.** Like Couple, Avocado is shared with only one special person. You can send private messages, track milestones together and share them on Twitter as a pair and even send virtual hugs and kisses so you're never too far away from your sweetheart.

- **Tokii App.** Tokii helps you get in touch with your partner's feelings. You can send each other notes starting with "I feel" or "You're making me feel." The app aims to keep couples engaged and aware of one another's moods by providing interactive games and relationship advice, which can take your relationship to the next level.

- **Wunderlist 2.** Although not exclusively for couples, nothing is more annoying than your partner forgetting to pick up the dry-cleaning or something at the grocery store. Wunderlist 2 helps couples plan, share and keep track of tasks and even plan vacations together. It's able to sync the lists across all the devices you are using.

- **Between App.** Between is a private-messaging space that lets you and your partner create a chronological timeline tracking the special moments in your relationship. You can bookmark your favourite memories, such as photos and messages, and store them in a Memory Box, as well as find date-night deals via the Event Box.

‘Marriage for all’ bill. France’s lower house approves gay marriage

France’s lower house of parliament approved a sweeping bill on Tuesday to legalize gay marriage and allow same-sex couples to adopt children, handing a major legislative victory to President Francois Hollande’s Socialists on a divisive social issue.

The measure, approved in the National Assembly in a 329-to-229 vote, puts France on track to join about a dozen mostly European nations that allow gay marriage and comes despite a string of recent demonstrations by opponents of the so-called “marriage for all” bill.

Polls indicate a narrow majority of French support legalizing gay marriage, though that support falls when questions about the adoption and conception of children come into play.

The Assembly has been debating the bill and voting on its individual articles in recent weeks. The overall legislation now goes in the coming weeks to the Senate, which is also controlled by the governing Socialists and their allies.

With Tuesday’s vote, France joins Britain in taking a major legislative step in recent weeks toward allowing gay marriage and adoption — making them the largest European countries to do so. The Netherlands, Belgium, Norway and Spain, as well as Argentina, Canada and South Africa have authorized gay marriage, along with nine U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

The issue has exposed fault lines between a progressive-minded leftist legislative majority in officially secular France and the country’s conservative religious roots. Critics have railed that the bill would erode the traditional family. Socialists, however, sought to depict the issue as one of equal rights.

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Equal rights

“Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.”

France’s Revolution-era motto. Governing Socialists depicted the same-sex marriage and adoption issue as one of equal rights and they played off the famed motto.

Seeking samba supremacy

Performers from the Unidos de Vila Isabel samba school parade during Carnival celebrations at the iconic Sambadrome in Rio de Janeiro on Tuesday. Rio de Janeiro’s samba schools vied for the title of the year’s best in the all-night-long Carnival. HASSAN AMMAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Paparazzi pics. Pregnant Kate in a bikini? Royal officials condemn planned publication

Royal officials in Britain have expressed disappointment that paparazzi shots of Prince William and his wife on a beach holiday in the Caribbean may be published by an Italian magazine.

St. James’s Palace said Tuesday that publishing the photos would be a “clear breach of the couple’s right to privacy.”

The palace did not say whether officials would be prepared to take legal action against the gossip magazine.

The photos reportedly show the pregnant Duchess of Cambridge — the former Kate Middleton — wearing a bikini and strolling on a beach with Prince William on the island of Mustique.

The Italian gossip magazine Chi was reportedly planning to publish the pictures Wednesday.

Last September, the magazine — which is owned by former Italian premier Silvio Berlusconi — published a 26-page special featuring topless photos of the duchess while she and William vacationed in the south of France.

The royal couple took legal action to halt the use of those intimate photos but had only limited success.

Although a French court ordered the gossip magazine Closer to stop further publication of the pictures, they went on to be published in Berlusconi’s Chi as well as other publications across Europe.

They also received wide publication on the hard-to-control Internet.

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The Duchess of Cambridge is seen in London after viewing a portrait of herself in January. GETTY IMAGES

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FOLLOW THROUGH WITH YOUR VISION

For Angela Braun of Buena Vista, Sask., volunteerism is a firmly established family value. “You pick your charity, you make it something you believe in, and you follow through with it,” she says.

World Vision has a special place in her heart because of its particular mandate to care for children.

After several years as a child sponsor and event volunteer for the organization, Braun decided it was time to see for herself where her money was going. Candidly, she says, “When you’re trying to go through school and struggling to pay $39 a month, you want to know this is working, right?”

In 2010, she travelled to El Salvador through World Vision’s Destination Life Change — a program that brings volunteers to the field to meet sponsored children and see the projects first-hand.

Since visiting her sponsored child in 2010, Angela Braun, right, has received pictures of Jennifer with the gifts she has given her.

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For Braun, the experience was eye-opening. “I knew I was going to help build a house and meet some kids, but I had no idea just how far and how big the child sponsorship operation can really get.”

Braun was able to visit her own sponsored child, Jennifer, as well as 11 other children that are sponsored by her friends and family from Saskatchewan. Not only did Braun see how sponsorship changes the lives of individual children, she witnessed the impact on entire communities where World Vision works. From co-operative businesses like fish farms, to after-school programs for youth, to nutrition classes for mothers, she was struck by the level of commitment from the staff and community.

“It really impressed me how many hard-working people there were and how well everything flowed together,” she says.

Since returning from El Salvador in 2010, Braun has become a mother herself, which has only deepened her engagement with World Vision’s mission. “My empathy has increased, that’s for sure,” she admits.

Giving her time and money to World Vision is a way of modelling a global world view for her family. “I really want my kids to grow up caring about other people and putting themselves out there for (others) — and maybe sacrificing a little so that somebody else can have a little bit more.”

Free speech. New York town sued for silencing community on fracking

Two environmental groups filed a federal lawsuit on Tuesday against an upstate New York town, claiming it violated residents' right to free speech by banning discussion of natural-gas drilling at town meetings.

The town board in Sanford, about 160 km southwest of Albany, passed a resolution in September saying there already had been hours of public comment for and against gas drilling and that no further discussion would be allowed during board meetings, although residents could still submit comments in writing.

"If people are silenced by their own elected representatives, how can they trust them to act in their best interests?" said Natural Resources Defence Council attorney Kate Sinding as her group announced the U.S. District Court lawsuit.

Natural gas development using high-volume hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, is a major political issue in the state.

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Cellphone charges

Rogers, Telus urge watchdog to scrap the wireless cap

Two of the country's largest telecom companies have some advice for Canada's telecommunications regulator as it considers imposing new rules for cellphone contracts: scrap the $50 cap.

A $50 spending limit on extra wireless data charges is one of several ideas on the table as the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission holds hearings on a proposed new wireless code.

But executives from Rogers Communications and Telus say a spending cap would be a bad idea.

"That's very disruptive to customers," Rogers' regulatory chief Ken Engelhart said Tuesday. "It's very disruptive to be cut off."

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Multinationals not paying fair share: OECD

Fat cat tax.
Global forum report claims lenient taxes create competitive disadvantage

The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) says large multinationals are using legal loopholes to avoid paying their fair share of taxes and that global solutions are needed to combat the problem.

The OECD report says many rules designed to protect multinational corporations from being double-taxed go too far and sometimes allow them to pay no taxes at all.

It says such rules do not properly reflect today's economic integration across borders, the value of intellectual property or new communications technologies.

The G20 countries commissioned the OECD study, which was released Tuesday ahead of a weekend meeting of finance ministers and central bankers from 20 of the world's leading economies.

The OECD says the gaps that enable multinationals to eliminate or reduce their taxation give them an unfair competitive advantage over smaller businesses.

That hurts investment, growth and employment and can leave average citizens footing a larger chunk of the tax bill, the OECD says.

"These strategies, though technically legal, erode the tax base of many countries and threaten the stability of the international tax system," OECD Secretary General Angel Gurria said Tuesday in releasing the study.

"As governments and their citizens are struggling to make ends meet, it is critical that all taxpayers — private and corporate — pay their fair amount of taxes and trust the international tax system is transparent." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Can't go? Pass it on

Ticketmaster will now allow fans to transfer tickets to friends or family digitally at no extra charge. Ticket buyers must sign into their accounts at Ticketmaster.com and email the tickets to recipients, the company said Tuesday. The technology will be incorporated into its mobile app this spring ahead of the summer concert season. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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WILL BENEDICT GET TO KEEP HIS POPEMOBILE?

JUST SAYIN'
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The Pope can't retire, can he?

I was under the impression that he had to stick it out to the bitter end, like poor old John Paul II, who endured two assassination attempts, Parkinson's, a number of cancer scares and a tracheotomy, finally expiring close to his 85th birthday after 25 years on the Papal Throne.

But Benedict the XVI isn't waiting for heaven to call, announcing — in Latin, no less (which adds the kind of gravity only a dead language can deliver) — that he's gone at the end of the month.

Seeing as a pope hasn't resigned since 1415, no one is quite sure what to think or do. I mean, who wants to be the pope when there already is one, albeit retired, looking over your shoulder? It's hard enough being infallible; try it when there's a former incumbent with 20-20 hindsight (even more infallible) kicking around.

Big shoes to fill

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Along with how can you go from being infallible to inactive, Benedict's announcement prompts numerous questions.

For instance, will they set up a retirement wing at Castel Gandolfo, the Pope's summer retreat, complete with a putting green where the retired pontiff can play a little golfo?

Does he have to give back the Shoes of the Fisherman? Or does the new pope get to shop for new shoes?

How about the Keys to the Kingdom? Does he have to hand them in to the Swiss Guards at the end of his shift on Feb. 28?

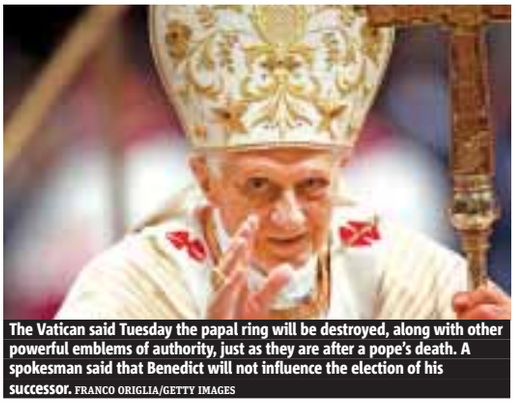
Ex-presidents get to keep their secret security details; does a retired prelate get to keep the Popemobile so he can tool around Rome in relative comfort and security?

What do we call a former pope? Your Former Holiness? Is he still holy, or is there only enough holiness for one pope at a time?

Benedict is more than a little conservative — and more than a little cranky. So the College of Cardinals is going to have to take that into account when anointing the next pope. How can they pick a big (literally) liberal like John XXIII when Benedict is still around, quick to observe that they'd never get away with that when HE was Il Papa?

Still, Benedict's timing is almost infallible. The papacy is in real need of a refresh. Along with the usual threats from sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll, Roman Catholicism has been rocked by a series of unholy scandals, some of them involving the Vatican (the, er, butler did it). A new, progressive pope could go a long way in recapturing the spiritual high ground.

Let's hope that, whoever he is, he's ready to shop for a new pair of shoes.



The Vatican said Tuesday the papal ring will be destroyed, along with other powerful emblems of authority, just as they are after a pope's death. A spokesman said that Benedict will not influence the election of his successor. FRANCO ORIGLIA/GETTY IMAGES

Unlikely bedfellows bunk up

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Venkman's prophecy

Dogs and cats! Living together!

It may sound like a doomed love story, but some dogs love big cats.

Cheetahs are the fastest mammals in the world, but they also are the world's biggest scaredy-cats — so much so that they don't breed easily and are in danger of extinction.

Some zoos are introducing "companion dogs" to serve as playmates and to provide the cats with an example.

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Dinner time

"In this relationship, the dog is dominant, but we look for dogs that want to be a buddy.... Dogs worry about their cats. They protect their cats."

Janet Rose-Hinostroza, animal training supervisor at the San Diego Zoo Safari Park

Rose-Hinostroza said that because the dogs are the dominant animal in the relationship, mealtimes are always spent apart. The dogs eat kibble, and the cheetahs eat steak. "If they ate together there would be one really fat dog and a really skinny cheetah," she said.

Endangered species

Population drops over 100 years

A century ago there were 100,000 cheetahs in the wild, said Jack Grisham, vice-president of animal collections at the St. Louis Zoo. Today there are fewer than 12,000. The species has become extinct in at least 13 countries. There are about 280 captive cheetahs in zoos across the U.S.

As efforts to save the species continue, Grisham worries there is no wild to send them home to because habitat is being swallowed up by developers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quick like a cheetah

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A cheetah's claws don't retract, so they have footing that takes them from zero to 96 kilometres per hour in 3.4 seconds.
Cheetahs use their tails like a rotor to balance while they are running. Their top speed is 100 kilometres an hour based on size, but they can run that fast only for 20 or 30 seconds. Extending that to a minute or more can be lethal.

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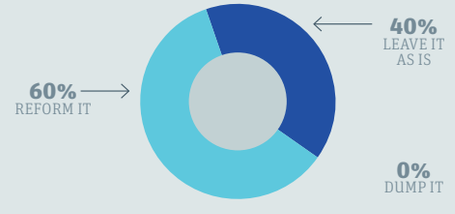

Twitter

@Heather_mo:
I switched to an iPhone and had to text all my bbm contacts to tell them we can't BBQ anymore. #newtoautocorrect

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There are puddles outside. Anyone up for a lunchtime stomping session?

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I bought my first pair of Huskie Athletics sweatpants the other day so am I now allowed to vote in #yxe civic elections?

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Beautiful franchise?

Finding the next cash cow

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Film studio executives are always on the lookout for properties that can be spun into profitable movie franchises.

And for good reason.

Following an interesting set of characters over the course of multiple movies can be a cash cow. The James Bond movies have earned more than $6 billion, while Harry, Ron and Hermione have raked in almost $8 billion since their series debut in 2001.

This weekend producers are hoping to kick off the Beautiful Creatures franchise. The supernatural romance has Twilight-ish overtones, a cast that mixes new stars like Emmy Rossum with established faces like Viola Davis and Emma Thompson.

But not all movies catch on with audiences in the way that the super spy and wizard have.

I Am Number Four, starring Alex Pettyfer and Glee's Dianna Agron, fizzled. Rotten Tomatoes said, "familiar plot and unconvincing performances add up to one noisy, derivative and ultimately forgettable sci-fi thriller." Not really the stuff of ongoing franchises.

With sales of more than 60 million copies, the book series Lemony Snicket's A Series of Unfortunate Events seemed to have natural franchise possibilities. With 13 books in the collection there's source material galore, but even though the Jim Carrey movie did well no sequels emerged.

Emmy Rossum stars in Beautiful Creatures. CONTRIBUTED

Good girl gone bad

Emmy Rossum.
Actress ditches 'nice girl' roles to play deadly siren in Beautiful Creatures

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Actress and singer Emmy Rossum is tired of playing the good girl, which is why she jumped at the chance to take on the role of deadly siren Ridley in the screen adaptation of the best-selling young adult novel Beautiful Creatures. Being bad, she insists, is just more fun.

The film's leads, Alden Ehrenriech and Alice Englert, said they initially passed on the film and had to be convinced to do it. How about you?

No, I was totally selfishly wanting to be in the movie because this is such a fun character. I read (the script) and then I read the first book and auditioned, got the part and was overjoyed. I love the character, she's so ballsy and fun and a different kind of villain than we're used to seeing.

With this and Shameless, you're playing some really interesting, juicy characters, different from the types of roles you started with.
Nice girl roles, mhmm. Playing the nice girl in Day After Tomorrow, Poseidon, Phantom of the Opera, those kinds of characters were coming more easily to me in terms of just getting the parts. I think that these characters for me were just more thrilling because I like to try to find the humanity and emotional understanding of characters that don't always do the right thing. I think that grey area is more fun to explore, it's more close to real life. What I like to do in characters is play against what you think that stereotype of that person would be.

You think about this girl (in Beautiful Creatures) who's a villain, who's happy to watch men get run over by trains walking toward her, you think of somebody who's quite malicious. But if you play it with a sense of fun and happiness, all of a sudden it becomes, "Oh, that's an interesting choice."

Congratulations on the season four renewal for Shameless.
Thank you. I'm excited to see where the character could go. The rest of this season has me working in different jobs until I seem to kind of find a steadier job as a telemarketer for a company called Universal Cup that makes disposable beverage cups. And I have a very cute, interesting boss, which can prove to be a problem.

You have a new album out, Sentimental Journey, with songs from the mid-20th century.
It's an ongoing struggle and negotiation with my own brain, trying to figure out what project gets what amount of time. But I really wanted to make this record, which is kind of why I did it with my own money and then partnered with Warners to release it, because I've always loved this kind of music. This is all the music that I grew up with, so there were obvious ones that I wanted to put on, like Frank Sinatra's Summer Wind and Apple Blossom Time, and then there were others that kind of fell into my lap.

Hey, a man needs to finance his castle

With more than 30 years of work in film behind him, Jeremy Irons has an impressive average for what work he's proud of.

"I think I'm very happy that I've been a part of about 80 per cent of what I've done," Irons says. "The other 20 per cent I would not mention, certainly, because I would like them to disappear off the face of the universe. But at the time I must have done them for a reason."

His latest, Beautiful Creatures, finds Irons as the patriarch of a supernatural southern family, based on the best-selling young adult books series.

An 80 per cent success rate is a pretty fantastic average for an actor.
I've been lucky, yes. I think it's because I never chase the paycheques. I've always done the work that I was attracted to. I did a big project doing up an old medieval castle that was very expensive, and there were a couple of things during the middle of that where I just went off and earned some cash doing movies that I probably wouldn't have done normally.

For castle upkeep?
For castle building, yeah. It had been derelict since 1603, so there was a lot of work needed. But normally I do work that I rate, you know? And get paid more or less depending on what the budget is on the movie. So I suppose that's why the average is 80 per cent. It's harder for kids now, I think. When I started out in theatre, earning 12 pounds, 10 shillings a week ... I never became an actor to become rich or famous.

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Go online to hear Irons have a go at giving GPS directions, exclusively for Metro, at metronews.ca

You have a distinct voice. Do people ask you to record their voice mail messages?
Sometimes, yeah. It depends how well I know them, sometimes I'll do it. What I haven't done is sat-nav for a car. That would probably be quite interesting. I'm not sure I'd have the patience. I'd like to give it a bit of personality, though.

What's next?
Well, once I've got all these (movies) out, which should be about the end of February, I hope to have a break, because I've had a solid two years and I want to stop for a few months, maybe do a little bit of writing.
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Jeremy Irons CONTRIBUTED

Escape from Planet Earth hits theatres Feb. 14. CONTRIBUTED

Lending a voice to animated aliens

Escape from Planet Earth. Metro talks to Jessica Alba and Rob Corddry about their new film, nerd-burgers and family flicks

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Escape from Planet Earth stars Jessica Alba and Rob Corddry sit down with Metro to talk about their new animated film — but things get silly pretty fast. And Alba has a special message to kids: don't be too popular in high school.

You've been doing this together for a bit. At what point do you just start messing with each other in interviews?

Rob Corddry: God no!
Jessica Alba: I don't know. No, I would never do that.

That's, like, so rude. Plus, he's like my elder, so I just try not to be disrespectful.
RC: That's true. So you sense the wisdom, and you just want to sort of bathe in it. You want to bathe in my wisdom.
JA: Yeah, I do. I mean just the fact that I'm even here is ... it's a blessing. I'm very lucky. I'm pinching myself. Is this a dream?
RC: This is really good for me, thank you.

How many times do you think audiences need to be told before they finally figure out that smart people should be respected?

RC: That it's a good thing, being smart? Well, this is a very good time for nerds in general. So hopefully you're seeing it a lot more because it is more pervasive now, and kids will want to be smart.
JA: Like, anyone who peaks in high school is a loser in life. So don't peak in high school.
RC: Yeah, do poorly in high school.
JA: Socially! Don't peak socially. Just make sure you're unpopular. Right?
RC: Oh God, yeah. I hope my kids are just nerdy introverts.
JA: Nerd-burgers.

What do you look for, as parents, in a family film?

RC: I like to enjoy it myself. It makes it a lot easier, right?
JA: Something that you don't hate is awesome as a parent.
RC: Because you're going to watch it a lot. We're lucky, too. I think it's a good time to be parents in terms of media. Like, I missed the whole ... what are the Australian dudes that sing?
JA: The Teletubbies? And the Wiggles. And the Barney.
RC: The Barney. We missed all of that. We have Pixar, and [Escape from Planet Earth]. So that's great.

Well, I like to see that you're not actually tearing each other apart

JA: Just wait till you leave. It's on.

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Metro also caught up with Escape from Planet Earth co-stars Sofia Vergara and William Shatner. While Vergara had some kind words for her fans back home in Colombia, things got a little weird with Shatner. To see the video, go to metronews.ca

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Zero Hour. After ER and an epic journey, Anthony Edwards is back

A decade after Dr. Mark Greene hung up his white lab coat for good on ER, Anthony Edwards is back as the star of a new television series.

He plays Hank Galliston, a magazine publisher wrapped up in a historical mystery after his wife is kidnapped on Global's Zero Hour, which premieres Thursday at 8 p.m. EST. The action thriller requires an audience to concentrate as the story unfolds layer by layer.

The road back to series television took Edwards many miles to travel — literally thousands upon thousands.

Edwards' character Dr. Greene was the heart of what was then television's most popular drama before the actor bowed out after eight years. Upon leaving, "I didn't really have a plan other than I knew I wasn't going to jump into a series again and I knew that I was really tired and burnt out," he said.

Professionally, maybe. Personally, Edwards had a clear strategy. The California native moved his wife and four children to New York. He was going to spend time raising his kids and give his wife time to establish her artistic career before they took off on a dream adventure.

While fellow actors George Clooney and Julianna Margulies left ER quickly to try other things, Edwards committed himself to a four-year contract. At the time, the commitment seemed huge — four years seems a lot longer at age 36 than it does now, when he's 50 — but the decision set him up financially for life. He bought a plane and took the family (and two teachers) on a 310-day trip around the world, through Africa, India, Southeast Asia and just about every exotic place you could imagine. "It sounds like Howdy Doody," Edwards said. "But I've never met the older man who wishes he had spent less time with his kids while they were young. You don't meet anybody who says, 'God, I wish I had worked harder and was gone more.'"

Edwards was always comfortable behind the scenes, and had been close to leaving acting for directing before getting the ER job. He has his own production company, Grand Central Entertainment, and was an executive producer of HBO's Temple Grandin. He did some film acting in Zodiac and the memorable flop Motherhood.

Showtime's loss proved ABC's gain. Grand Central developed a series about a high-end public relations firm that Edwards had planned to act in and when Showtime passed, he found himself with free time. Edwards started looking at other scripts and found Zero Hour to be "a total page-turner."

Zack Estrin, one of the show's four executive producers, couldn't believe his luck.

"It's an honour when somebody who could have his choice of shows chooses yours," he said. "It's like the prom queen chooses you to have a dance."

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May I have this dance?

"It's like the prom queen chooses you to have a dance."

Zack Estrin, one of the executive producers of Zero Hour, on getting Anthony Edwards for the show

Anthony Edwards is a magazine publisher involved in a historical mystery in Zero Hour. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Taylor Swift ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Don't believe the rumours, Swift isn't chasing boys

Taylor Swift knows there are people out there talking about her love life, but she's doing her best to ignore it. "I'm sure if I looked up the latest Google alerts rumour it would say I'm chasing somebody who doesn't like me as much as I like him. People love that angle on me," Swift tells Elle magazine. "They're like, 'Oh Taylor, coming on too strong again, chasing boys.' I never chase boys. They don't like it!" And while her recent dig at ex Harry Styles at the Grammys might suggest otherwise, Swift insists she's not one to vent her anger. "I don't think I've ever yelled at an ex-boyfriend," she says. "Ever. I'm not a yeller. I'm not a fit-thrower. If something is done, it's done."

Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt

The four-year-old that makes more than you

Vivienne Jolie-Pitt, the four-year-old daughter of Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt, is already earning some impressive cash.

The toddler was reportedly paid $3,000 a week for a small role in her mom's upcoming film, Maleficent, according to contracts obtained by TMZ. The tot — whose twin brother, Knox, doesn't appear in the film — also received a per diem $60 for expenses each day she was on set. Older siblings Pax, 9, and Zahara, 8, also filmed cameos in the film, though it's unknown how much they earned.

The Word

Meet Eau de Pizza Hut

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Let's cut to the chase on this item: Pizza Hut has launched a promotional perfume called Eau de Pizza Hut.

The chain is giving away 24 bottles of the stuff. To get your own, send tweets to @PizzaHut with the hashtag "LastMinuteLovers." Each package also includes a $20 Pizza Hut gift card for Big Pizza Sliders or Lovers Pizza.

"The cologne has a slightly sweet base scent of freshly rising dough, but finishes decidedly savoury with hints of Italian spice like oregano, vine-ripened tomato sauce, the crispness of fresh-sliced vegetables and all wrapped by wafts of cheesy goodness," Ashlee Firsten of Aromachology, a custom perfumery in New York said in a press release.

It's really a quite complex combination of aromas that results in the hunger-inducing smell of a fresh Pizza Hut pizza."

It also helps if the sniffer is drunk.

Mila Kunis

An endorsement for being single from Mila Kunis

Mila Kunis may have gone pretty quickly from a nine-year relationship with Macaulay Culkin to her current beau, former That 70s Show co-star Ashton Kutcher, but she still looks back fondly on her bachelorette days.

"For four years I was single," she tells Allure magazine, calling her days without a boyfriend "an amazing time. I love being single."

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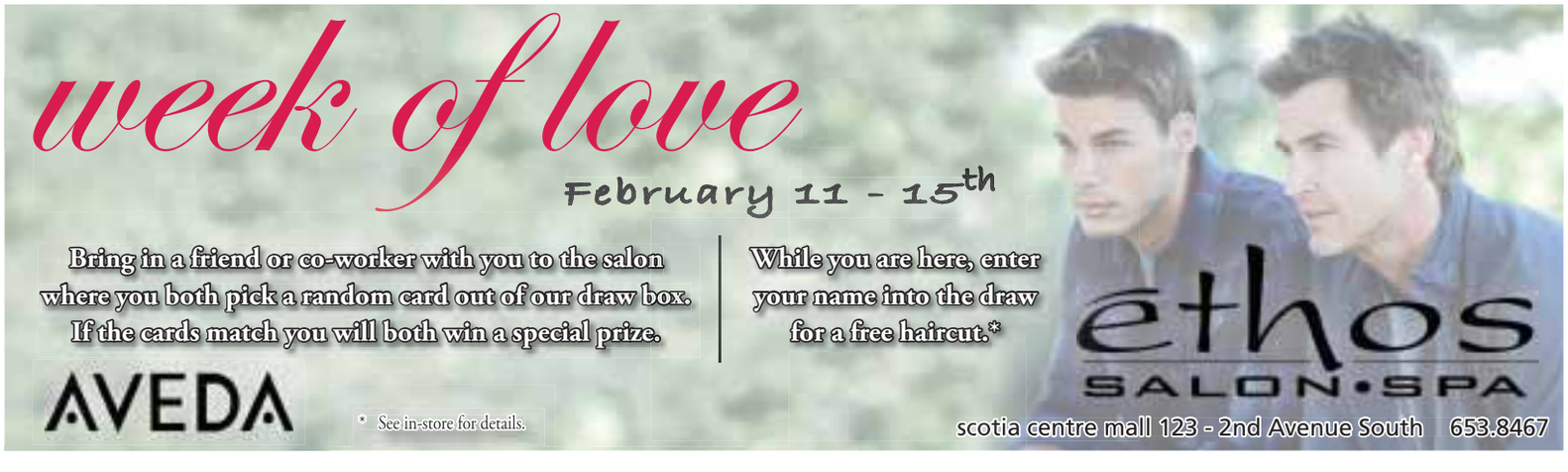
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There may have been a time when Puerto Rico was a cheap getaway but those days are long gone. Puerto Rico is heavily dependent on imported goods and fuel and that's reflected in prices from a taxi ride from the airport to the mojito at your hotel. But there are, of course, some cheap options. There are also things to do that don't cost anything at all. Here are five of them.

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5 Free things to do in Puerto Rico

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Beaches

There are plenty of beaches here — about 300 according to some estimates. In the capital, Isla Verde Beach is good for swimming and lolling on soft sand, groomed daily. Playita del Condado is a protected cove that is ideal for young kids and a surprisingly good place to snorkel for being in the middle of San Juan. Things get much better outside the capital. Crash Boat, about an hour west of San Juan, is great for swimming and snorkelling. Farther west in the west coast town of Rincon is Maria's, which has great surf.

El Yunque

About a half-hour drive from San Juan, thanks to a relatively new toll road, is an actual tropical rainforest, the only one that is part of the U.S. forest system. El Yunque National Forest is a cool oasis on a hot day. The well-maintained trails are often shrouded in misty clouds and you can cool off in a waterfall or a river pool along the relatively easy Big Tree Trail.

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El Morro

There's an entrance fee to enter the Castillo San Felipe del Morro, but the best way to enjoy this U.S. National Historic Site requires no money at all. The fort that towers over San Juan Bay, known universally as just "El Morro," is a great place to stroll, especially at sunset. The massive rolling expanse of grass at the foot of the fort has spectacular views in any direction. It's a popular place to picnic and fly a kite, sold by nearby street vendors.

Old San Juan

At the foot of El Morro is the old city, the colonial heart of San Juan. In recent years, Old San Juan has been on an upswing. Its cobblestone streets are cleaner and livelier. New stores, restaurants and coffee shops have opened and many of the old homes have been restored. It's a working city, home to the governor's office and mansion — said to be the oldest in the western hemisphere — as well as other government offices and an increasing number of professional firms. It's also become an increasingly busy cruise ship port. Outlet and luxury goods shops have proliferated in response.

Music and Salsa

A good place to catch free live music several nights a week is the Plaza Mercado, a fruit and vegetable market in Santurce, a neighbourhood that is also home to what are considered some of the best restaurants in Puerto Rico. The lobby of the El San Juan in Isla Verde usually has live music and dancing on weekends. The bar of course isn't free but there's no charge to get in. The dancers can be intimidatingly good so the less-skilled may be content just to watch the scene. A number of restaurants and hotels also regularly advertise free salsa lessons.

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The choice is yours: eating on the terrace under a sky bright with stars or in the oriental-style living room. Local cuisine includes lamb tajines, vegetarian couscous, Moroccan salads, cinnamon and spices, dates and oranges.

Ready to embrace the day as the sun rises? Opt for a hot air balloon adventure before dawn and admire sunrise on the desert.

Ask Abdelai at the front desk to make arrangements with Maroc Montgolfière for this amazing three-hour experience.

If living the Arabic way of life is what you are looking for, get lost in the maze of souks and make your way back to Jemâa-El-Fna Plaza for sunset. From the rooftop of Café Glacier you will enjoy an unparalleled view of the famous Plaza and the city as the amber light colours the red facades of the houses.

As the day turns into night, the call for prayer will resonate in the entire city and the Jemâa-El-Fna Plaza will come to life with snake charmers, salesmen, acrobats and jugglers.

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It's the perfect time for date night, wouldn't you agree?

Perfect with a glass of wine and a wedge of your favourite cheese, these crackers containing Medjool dates are a great savoury treat with a hint of sweetness.

Medjool dates, which have been called the "king of dates," are semi-soft and exceptionally large. They're carried year-round by major and mid-sized grocery chains across Canada.

1. Heat oven to 160 C (325 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

2. In a food processor, pulse pistachios until finely chopped. Add 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the flour and dates. Pulse until mixture resembles fine bread crumbs. Add olives and pulse until mixed. Add remaining flour, orange zest, salt, baking powder and pepper. Pulse until well mixed.

3. In a small bowl, whisk egg and set aside 15 ml (1 tbsp) of the beaten egg for glazing. Add remaining egg and olive oil to food processor. Pulse until mixture comes together.

4. Turn dough out onto lightly floured board and knead gently. Flatten into a disc and wrap in plastic wrap. Refrigerate until firm, 1 hour.

Ingredients

- 50 ml (1/4 cup) pistachios, shelled
- 250 ml (1 cup) all-purpose flour, divided
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) Medjool dates, pitted and chopped (5 to 6 dates)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) kalamata olives, pitted and chopped
- 5 ml (1 tsp) orange zest
- 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) baking powder
- 0.5 ml (1/8 tsp) black pepper
- 1 egg
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) olive oil

Medjool Date, Nut and Olive Crackers

This recipe makes about 12 crackers. THE CANADIAN PRESS H/O

5. Using lightly floured rolling pin, roll dough 5 mm (1/4 inch) thick. Cut into 6-cm (2 1/2-inch) rounds. Place on a prepared baking sheet. Brush tops with remaining beaten egg. Bake in centre of oven until golden brown, 22 mins.

6. Let cool on a rack. Store in an airtight container up to 3 days. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ NATURAL DELIGHTS MEDJOOL DATES

Drink of the Week

Amore Martini

There's just something seductive about a martini. Show your guests and sweethearts alike that you love them with this Amore Martini.

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- 2 oz Campari
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- 0.5 oz Passion fruit liqueur
- Dash of fresh lemon juice

Mix Campari, SKYY Vodka, passion fruit liqueur and dash of fresh lemon juice in a shaker filled with ice.

Shake and serve in a cocktail glass.

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Tantalize guests with sweet ravioli filled with date compote

Probably unlike any ravioli you've ever tasted, these dessert ravioli melts in your mouth. The compote filling also makes a great addition for a tray containing cheese and crackers.

Medjool dates, substantially larger than the Deglet Noor variety, which is usually available dried, are a rich source of fibre, potassium and magnesium as well as being fat- and sodium-free. They taste sweet but contain only 66 calories each.

This recipe serves six. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1. Compote: In a saucepan, combine wine, sugar and honey and simmer over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Add cinnamon stick and dates, reduce heat to low and cook for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Let cool and remove cinnamon stick. Strain any excess liquid and transfer to food processor and process for 10 to 15 seconds to fine consistency.

2. Pastry: In a food processor fitted with a metal blade, whirl flour with salt for a few seconds until blended. Add cold butter and process until mixture has the texture of coarse crumbs. Add ice water and pulse a few more times. Turn mixture into a bowl and bring together with your hands. It should leave the bowl clean. Wrap in plastic and chill for 30 minutes.

3. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Divide dough into 2 pieces, one slightly larger than the other. Turn dough out onto lightly floured surface and lightly flour rolling pin. Roll out the smaller piece into a 30-by-25-cm (12-by-10-inch) rectangle. Brush with some of the egg.

4. Starting 2.5 cm (1 inch) from a corner, place 5 ml (1 tsp) of compote every 5 cm (2 inches). You should have 30 dollops of compote. Roll out the larger piece into a 33-by-28-cm (13-by-11-inch) rectangle. Carefully place this larger sheet over the bottom sheet and compote. Gently press pastry to seal pockets around each dollop of compote.

5. Using sharp knife, cut pastry into 5-cm (2-inch) squares and seal edges with a fork, or use a ravioli mould. Make a small cut in the top of each ravioli and brush each with beaten egg.

6. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or just until slightly golden brown. Let cool on a rack and dust with powdered sugar. Serve warm. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ NATURAL DELIGHTS MEDJOOL DATES

Ingredients

Medjool Date Compote
- 250 ml (1 cup) red wine (a bold and fruity wine is best)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) honey
- 1 stick cinnamon
- 10 to 12 Medjool dates, pitted and quartered

Pastry
- 400 ml (1 2/3 cups) all-purpose flour
- Pinch salt
- 175 ml (3/4 cup) cold, unsalted butter, cut into chunks
- Ice water
- 1 egg, beaten
- Powdered sugar, for dusting

Dessert. Vanilla Date Balls

These little bites of decadence are the perfect balance of sweetness. Make them ahead and keep them in the refrigerator for tasty treats to serve after dinner to guests and family members.

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment or wax paper and set aside.

2. In a small saucepan, combine dates, orange juice, butter and brown sugar. Bring to a simmer over medium heat and cook, stirring, for about 12 minutes or until very soft and thickened. Stir in vanilla; set aside to cool completely.

3. Stir in cookie crumbs and coconut until well combined. Place sugar on a plate or in a shallow bowl. Using rounded 5-ml (1-tsp) measuring spoon, scoop out mixture and roll into ball. Roll ball in sugar until completely coated and place on prepared baking sheet. Repeat with remaining mixture.

4. Place in refrigerator for at least 2 hours or until set and firm. Package in single layers in airtight container or cookie tins and keep refrigerated for up to 3 weeks. THE CANADIAN PRESS/NATURAL DELIGHTS MEDJOOL DATES

Ingredients

- 250 ml (1 cup) Medjool dates, pitted and chopped
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) orange juice
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) butter
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) packed brown sugar
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) pure vanilla extract
- 375 ml (1 1/2 cups) chocolate cookie crumbs
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) sweetened flaked coconut
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) granulated sugar, for rolling

Find your footing with a little help from friends

Career centres are there to help students find their way into the workforce, the next stage in their lives. ISTOCK

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While many Aboriginal people reside in major cities today, there are still a significant number of First Nations, Métis and Inuit students who come from small, remote communities to attend college or university.

If they hope to successfully adjust to life in a larger city and maybe one day start their career there, it's important for these students — many of whom may be the first in their family to pursue post-secondary education — to build their networks starting from day one.

Take advantage of Aboriginal service and career centres

A number of universities have specialized career centres and services for their Aboriginal students. At the University of Regina's Aboriginal Career Centre, for instance, students can benefit from educational and career planning services, partnerships with local employers and the Aboriginal community and internship programs.

The University of Alberta's Aboriginal Student Services Centre (ASSC) is another example. Students have access to a range of programs and services at the ASSC: connections to Aboriginal traditions and culture, elder services, guidance, emotional support, funding for tutoring and workshops and volunteer opportunities.

"It comes down to the networking and connections," says Shana Dion, director at the ASSC. "A lot of the connections they have might be from back home and not from the urban setting. If we don't choose to go back home, what are other options?"

Know you're an asset

Many employers want new hires who come with relevant experience. While this is true, Dion says there are those who are willing to work with students who might not have that experience.

She advises Aboriginal students who are currently making the school-to-work transition to believe in themselves and know that they are of value to organizations.

"Somebody might not come with connections to so many communities, understanding protocols, knowing who elders are, knowing who community members are in certain areas where an industry might need to connect," Dion explains. "So if a student is from a certain area and chooses to work with a certain industry leader, maybe that industry leader works with that community. You have a connection already with that community. That's an asset. You know what I mean? They don't have to build that."

It's important to acknowledge that each person comes with unique past experiences, journeys, knowledge, skills and relationships which can be a benefit to any organization, says Dion.

Meeting mentors

"A lot of the connections they have might be from back home and not from the urban setting. If we don't choose to go back home, what are other options?"

Shana Dion
Director at the University of Alberta's Aboriginal Student Services Centre

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Aboriginal engagement. Help bridge cultural gaps with this career choice

Each day, Canadian natural resource companies contend with the challenges of maximizing growth and economic potential from land. And as the fastest growing and youngest segment of Canada's population, First Nations, Métis and Inuit people are becoming exponentially more active in making their mark, not just culturally, but in the realm of business and industry as well.

Communication and language skills are crucial to building trust and friendship with Aboriginal communities. ISTOCK

What does an Aboriginal liaison officer do?

It's expected that First Nations, Métis and Inuit communities will play increasingly relevant roles in mining and energy-related industries in the coming years. Creating and sustaining the natural partnerships that resource companies have with Aboriginal communities is the top priority of ALOs, and it's their job to ensure an environment of harmony, trust and respect for all parties involved.

Also known as community affairs managers, community liaisons or Aboriginal engagement officers, ALOs are the primary points of communication between groups. Unlike conventional spokespersons, they speak on behalf of everyone involved, with the goal of bridging cultural gaps and establishing common understanding through conflict resolution. Government organizations also sometimes hire ALOs.

What qualities does an ALO need to have?

As an ALO, you should have a knack for diplomacy and know how to diffuse tense situations without losing sight of the prize. It also helps to have a keen sense of intuition and fair play, as ALOs must often deal with highly emotional issues and should be level-headed enough to steer a heated discussion back to its relevant points.

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Why become an ALO?

When you consider that the task of sustaining harmony among multiple communities rests largely on your shoulders, it's clear that the job demands much more than just the average effort.

- ALOs find fulfilment in helping others discover how to break cultural boundaries and develop mutual respect. They interact with various personalities and learn to tackle a wide range of issues, from corporate and legal to societal and historical. Conflict is common, but you'll have the satisfaction of being part of the team that finds its resolution.

Teach the tough and the true

Prioritizing the past. Why Indigenous studies classes are more important today than ever before

DANIELLE LORENZ
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With all that is being publicized in the media in respect to Idle No More, it's essential to understand the importance of enrolling in Indigenous studies classes.

I asked Mallory Whiteduck — whom I met while I was studying at Carleton University — for her perspective.

Originally from Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg, Whiteduck completed her bachelor's degree in communications at the University of Ottawa and then went on to do her master's degree in Canadian studies at Carleton University. For two years she worked as a researcher at the Native Women's Association of Canada, in their Sisters in Spirit initiative. Whiteduck has been working with Carleton University's Centre for Aboriginal Culture and Education (CACE) since 2010.

With the critical thinking and writing skills that Indigenous studies programs foster, Mallory Whiteduck says that graduates should be able to expect jobs in areas similar to others with bachelor of arts degrees. ISTOCK

Harsh reality

We can't eliminate Canada's history of colonization from our identity simply because it's not a pretty story.
Mallory Whiteduck

What is your role as an Aboriginal cultural liaison officer?

In the very broadest sense, my role here is to help to "Indigenize" the university. Our office has helped to create systemic change at the university, for example by contributing to Carleton's Aboriginal Coordinated Strategy, which was approved by the University Senate.

Another big part of my job is working with youth on the ground. I travel across Ontario and parts of Quebec, visiting Aboriginal youth on and off-territory, and in communities and urban areas, to promote post-secondary education and opportunities for Aboriginal students at Carleton.

What kinds of skills can be gained in Aboriginal studies programs that cannot be gained in other academic disciplines?

Learning how to think critically is an important skill that is taught in Indigenous studies programs.

Canada has a strong national pride, and it is often those stories that celebrate Canada's accomplishments that are told to students in elementary and secondary schools.

When Aboriginal history is added to the Canadian narrative — which sometimes only happens for students when they reach college or university, or never — it becomes a richer story and it becomes a story that is complicated, negative and not necessarily one that Canada should be proud of as a nation.

We can't eliminate Canada's history of colonization from our identity simply because it's not a pretty story. To do that would be denying Canadian children the opportunity to truly understand their Anishinaabe, Inuit, Onkwehonwe, Métis and other Indigenous friends and neighbours. Being able to think critically about Canada and its relationship with Aboriginal peoples will provide Indigenous studies graduates with a deeper understanding of where they are from.

Student voice

On facing a fork in the internship road

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I always knew a BA in English wasn't going to make it easy to get a job, but I thought having a university degree would at least count for something. Turns out, not so much. I ended up going back to school and just recently finished a post-grad publishing program at Ryerson.

Even though I have focused in on the industry I want to work in, it has still been next to impossible to find a job. I have done two internships at publishing companies and although they were both amazing experiences, they don't seem to count for much either. I had one interview for an internship where they told me straight up that my time there would not lead to a job, so I shouldn't have any kind of expectations regarding that.

Now, I understand they are only telling me to be realistic, but it is still discouraging to hear that at an interview and it is depressing to think that all I will ever be able to find are an endless string of internships that pay next to nothing.

I am at a roadblock. Do I continue to do internships and hope eventually one will pay off? Or do I look for work elsewhere, just so I can make some money and actually start paying back that student loan that's lurking just past another six-month repayment assistance term?

What I'm doing now

I received a post-graduate certificate and it helped me get internships, but that's still not enough. I have done some volunteering as well. To pay the rent, I work in retail and I can't wait until the day I can quit and never look back.

My advice for other students and recent graduates

Anything you can do to get practical experience while you don't have to worry about rent/paying back student loans/bills, do it!

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Canadian wrestlers floored by IOC vote

Chopping block. Athletes across the country react with mix of disappointment and determination to the announcement

More than 25 years and two Olympians later, Regina wrestling coach Leo McGee was shocked to hear wrestling had been voted out of the 2020 Olympics games.

"It was absolutely a surprise in that if there was one sport that was almost sacred, it was wrestling," said McGee. He was one of several people involved with the sport that were caught off guard by the International Olympic Committee announcing on Tuesday that it intends to cut wrestling from the Olympic program.

McGee has coached men's and women's wrestling at the University of Regina for the last 26 years, including Olympians Ali Bernard and Dean Schmeichel. For him, no matter what happens on the Olympic world stage, wrestling will remain an important sport in Canada.

"The end of wrestling? Absolutely not. I think the sport is too strong; it's too institutionalized in the high school system across the country and the educational system," said McGee.

Mitch Ostberg, head coach with the University of Calgary Dinos wrestling team, has been with the program for 22 years and coaches alongside Olympian Carol Huynh.

He said the decision could be potentially devastating to several of the up-and-coming athletes he oversees.

"The generation today that we're working with at the university age, if you look at an athlete-development model, may well be looking at the 2020 Olympics as their opportunity," he said. "If you're dealing with a generation of kids that get an opportunity removed, that would be very disappointing."

Thinking about how wrestling is on the IOC's chopping block is like getting a kick in the stomach for Lonnie Ritchey — he says he feels like he's on his knees, hunched over, hoping to get his wind back.

"It'll take the wind out of wrestling for a little bit, but we're a resilient bunch," said Ritchey, who coached at Oshawa Central Collegiate Institute for 26 years until the school stopped the program this fall.

Ritchey said he'd encourage young wrestlers not to focus on the IOC executive board's decision.

"I'd direct them back into wrestling. Go to your local club and seek out sponsorship and continue to wrestle."

Meanwhile, Ottawa wrestler Devon Nicholson says the news gave him a new goal in addition to curing himself of hepatitis C and ensuring a documentary about his life has a happy ending — get to Brazil in 2016.

"If I'm cured, I will give Greco-Roman wrestling a shot in the next Olympics. It could be the last one that they have wrestling in," said Nicholson, ahead of a March 3 screening of a new version of This is Hannibal — a story about his rise and fall in the world of WWE professional wrestling after allegedly contracting hepatitis C in a match. METRO

Wrestling history

- **708 BC.** Wrestling was the decisive and last discipline held in the Pentathlon.
- **1896.** The Greco-Roman event (no weight classes) was the only wrestling event at the inaugural modern Olympics in Athens.
- **2004.** Women were finally allowed to compete in freestyle wrestling (four weight classes) at the Olympics.
- **2008.** B.C. native Carol Huynh made history with Canada's first gold medal in women's wrestling at the Beijing Olympics.

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University of Regina wrestling coach Leo McGee was surprised by the IOC recommendation to cut wrestling from its core sports for the 2020 Olympic games. APOLLO BELISLE/CONTRIBUTED

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"That was an executive decision. It doesn't change the great wrestler you're going to be."

Lonnie Ritchey, a former wrestling coach at Oshawa Central Collegiate Institute in Ontario, on the IOC recommendation to drop wrestling from the Olympic program.

Toronto Raptor DeMar DeRozan dunks over Timofey Mozgov of the Denver Nuggets at the Air Canada Centre on Tuesday. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Raptors knock off Nuggets with late jumper from Gay

DeMar DeRozan had 22 points and John Lucas had 12 of his 14 points in the fourth quarter as the Toronto Raptors won their third straight by defeating the short-handed Denver Nuggets 109-108 on Tuesday night in Toronto.

Rudy Gay, plagued by foul trouble, finished with 17 points but hit the go-ahead shot in the final minute of the game. He had led the Raptors in scoring with 20 or more points in five games since coming over in a trade with Memphis.

Alan Anderson had 10 points, while Kyle Lowry added 11 points and 10 assists for Toronto (20-32).

Ty Lawson paced Denver (33-20) with 29 points and nine assists. The Nuggets lost their second straight after having their nine-game win streak snapped Sunday with a 118-114 triple-overtime loss in Boston to the Celtics.

With just over a minute left to play and Toronto holding a slim one-point lead, Denver stopped Gay on a drive before drawing a foul at the other end. Anthony Randolph converted to put the Nuggets in front by one, but with the final possession Gay hit a clutch jumper from the wing and the arena erupted with 4.8 seconds left.

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On Tuesday

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Raptors	Nuggets

Joey Bats thinking World Series

MLB. Two years after signing deal and being reassured of the Jays' direction, Bautista is leader of 'a contender'

"The sky's the limit."

Jose Bautista isn't given to mixing words or their meanings, at least not when it comes to assessing the Toronto Blue Jays and the chances for a playoff berth for the vastly retooled roster.

So when the two-time major-league home-run king lends phrases like "the sky's the limit," there's a definite weight to them, even though optimism is high in virtually every major-league city at this time of year.

"I know I've been on other teams and one that didn't have a chance (to be in the playoffs), but this is different, this is the best team I've been on in my career.... I don't see where it can go wrong for us," Bautista said Tuesday when pitchers and catchers were undergoing physicals in advance of Wednesday's first official reporting date for spring training.

Bautista's enthusiasm was buoyed by the massive, off-season retooling of the Jays that brought on proven major leaguers like pitchers R.A. Dickey, Josh Johnson and Mark Buehrle, as well as infielder Jose Reyes and outfield Melky Cabrera.

"If we do what we are all capable of, then it should come together for us, it will take care of itself," Bautista said. "We should be able to go to the playoffs and hopefully the World Series."

Bautista stood two years ago in the same place at the Flora Auto Exchange Stadium in Dunedin, having just signed a five-year contract extension. That new deal signalled the beginning of a change in responsibility for Bautista, who became the Jays focal player back then, and is living up to that role now.

"When I first signed that deal I wasn't just counting on the young players to come through," said Bautista, who didn't sign the deal before gaining some measure of assurance from management regarding the club's direction.

"I was counting on Alex (GM Anthopoulos) building a contender that could compete in a sustainable way for years to come. And he (Anthopoulos) came through on his words."

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Comeback trail

Bautista was limited to 92 games in 2012 because of a wrist injury that ultimately led to off-season surgery.

- "I've gone through the rehab and I can tell you it was tedious but I worked my butt off in the gym and now I'm ready to get back on the field," he said.

Toronto Blue Jays outfielder Jose Bautista looks on during batting practice in Dunedin, Fla., on Tuesday. Though there is added pressure on the team this year, Bautista is handling it with utter confidence. RICK MADONIK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

CFL

Eskimos sign slotback to contract extension

The Edmonton Eskimos signed all-star slotback Fred Stamps to a contract extension Tuesday.

The deal will keep Stamps under contract with Edmonton through the 2014 season.

Stamps finished second in CFL receiving last season with 70 catches for 1,310 yards and nine TDs.

The six-year veteran has surpassed the 1,000-yard receiving plateau four straight years and been named a league all-star each time.

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Fred Stamps THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
New Jersey	13	8	2	3	35	28	19
Pittsburgh	13	8	5	0	41	32	16
NY Rangers	11	6	5	0	29	27	12
Philadelphia	13	5	7	1	31	38	11
NY Islanders	12	4	7	1	36	43	9

NORTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	10	8	1	1	29	21	17
Toronto	13	8	5	0	39	33	16
Ottawa	13	7	4	2	33	23	16
Montreal	11	6	4	1	31	30	13
Buffalo	14	5	8	1	39	48	11

SOUTHEAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Carolina	12	7	4	1	38	36	15
Tampa Bay	11	6	5	0	43	32	12
Winnipeg	11	5	5	1	30	37	11
Florida	11	4	6	1	25	40	9
Washington	12	3	8	1	30	41	7

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	12	10	0	2	42	25	22
Detroit	12	7	4	1	33	32	15
Nashville	12	5	3	4	24	26	14
St. Louis	12	6	5	1	39	40	13
Columbus	13	4	7	2	30	41	10

NORTHWEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Vancouver	11	7	2	2	33	24	16
Edmonton	12	5	4	3	28	30	13
Minnesota	12	6	5	1	26	30	13
Calgary	10	3	4	3	26	35	9
Colorado	11	4	6	1	23	29	9

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	11	8	2	1	39	31	17
San Jose	12	7	3	2	36	28	16
Phoenix	13	6	5	2	35	35	14
Dallas	12	6	5	1	26	28	13
Los Angeles	11	4	5	2	26	32	10

Note: A team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OL (other loss) column.

Tuesday's results
Carolina 4 New Jersey 2
Ottawa 2 Buffalo 0
NY Rangers at Boston
Montreal at Tampa Bay
Washington at Florida
Philadelphia at Winnipeg
San Jose at Nashville
Anaheim at Chicago
Dallas at Edmonton
Minnesota at Vancouver

Monday's results
Carolina 6 NY Islanders 4
Toronto 5 Philadelphia 2
Columbus 6 San Jose 2
Los Angeles 4 St. Louis 1
Phoenix 3 Colorado 2 (OT)
Minnesota 2 Calgary 1 (SO)

Thursday's games — All Times Eastern
Toronto at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Florida, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Phoenix at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Friday's games
Pittsburgh at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Columbus at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Vanek, Buf	11	12	23
Kane, Chi	9	10	19
Zetterberg, Det	5	13	18
Stamkos, TBL	7	10	17
Crosby, Phg	5	12	17
St. Louis, TBL	3	13	16
Malkin, Phg	3	13	16
Marleau, SJ	10	5	15
Clarkson, NJ	9	6	15
Tavares, NYI	7	8	15
Kunitz, Phg	6	9	15
Thornton, SJ	3	12	15
Staal, Car	8	6	14
Pominville, Buf	6	8	14
Pavelski, SJ	6	8	14
Ribeiro, Wash	4	10	14
Selanne, Ana	4	10	14
Elias, NJ	3	11	14
Moulson, NYI	6	7	13
Datsyuk, Det	5	8	13
Gagner, Edm	4	9	13
Koivu, Ana	4	9	13
Enstrom, Win	2	11	13
Shattenkirk, StL	1	12	13
Skinner, Car	7	5	12
Hossa, Chi	6	6	12
Toews, Chi	6	6	12
Couture, SJ	6	6	12
Lecavalier, TBL	5	7	12
Hodgson, Buf	5	7	12
Conacher, TBL	5	7	12

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	35	14	.714	—
New York	32	17	.653	3
Indiana	31	21	.596	5½
Chicago	30	21	.588	6
Brooklyn	30	22	.577	6½
Atlanta	28	22	.560	7½
Boston	27	24	.529	9
Milwaukee	25	25	.500	10½
Philadelphia	22	28	.440	13½
Toronto	**20**	**32**	**.385**	**16½**
Detroit	20	33	.377	17
Cleveland	16	36	.308	20½
Washington	15	35	.300	20½
Orlando	15	36	.294	21
Charlotte	12	39	.235	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	41	12	.774	—
Oklahoma City	39	12	.765	1
L.A. Clippers	37	17	.685	4½
Memphis	32	18	.640	7½
Denver	33	20	.623	8
Golden State	30	21	.588	10
Utah	28	24	.538	12½
Houston	28	25	.528	13
Portland	25	27	.481	15½
L.A. Lakers	24	28	.462	16½
Dallas	22	29	.431	18
Minnesota	19	30	.388	20
Sacramento	19	33	.365	21½
New Orleans	18	34	.346	22½
Phoenix	17	35	.327	23½

Note: division leaders ranked in top three positions regardless of winning percentage.

Tuesday's results
Toronto 109 Denver 108
Miami 117 Portland 104
Sacramento at Memphis
Oklahoma City at Utah
Houston at Golden State
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers

Wednesday's games — All Times Eastern
San Antonio at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Denver at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Portland at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's games
Miami at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

With accessories approved, Lucerne won't let you down

Second Gear.
2006-2010
Buick Lucerne

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From 2006 to 2010, the Lucerne topped Buick's model range as an attainable luxury sedan with a whisper-quiet ride, front-wheel drive confidence and available V8 power. In the used market, Lucerne is a cost-effective way to access a taste of the motoring high-life — American style.

Feature content includes leather seating, OnStar, automatic lights, automatic climate control and plenty more. Expect plenty of room for four or five adults and a generous trunk.

HANDOUT

Common Issues

A thorough check of all accessories is a must, and shoppers should pay extra attention to the climate control system, air conditioner, OnStar system and stereo. Listen for and identify any clunking or "popping" sounds from the suspension and steering on your test drive, which could indicate a worn-out component. The long-lived and robust 3.8 litre V6 engine had been in GM's powertrain lineup for decades, and it amounts to a solid performer.

Engine

A 3.8 litre V6 generated around 200 horsepower, while a 3.9 litre, 227-horsepwoer V6 was available. A 4.6 litre Northstar V8 engine could be specified, putting 275 or 292 horsepower on tap depending on the year.

What owners like

Ride quality, comfort, noise levels and an overall luxurious, relaxing experience are reported by most owners. Performance is considered more than adequate, especially with the V8.

What owners dislike

Somewhat hefty fuel consumption and a "soft" suspension, which limits the Lucerne's fun-to-drive factor, are among the most common complaints.

Verdict

Opt for as new a model as your budget will allow — sticking with the 3.8 litre engine where possible. A lower-mileage unit with factory warranty remaining will add further confidence.

Check the car before you buy a wreck of a car

Once you've found the car that you think is "the one," it's tempting to rush through the buying process so you can get into the driver's seat as soon as possible. But before you fully commit, there's one more important step you need to make and that's to take the car for a pre-purchase inspection (PPI).

What is a PPI?
This thorough inspection is performed by a qualified and licensed mechanic who will determine the cosmetic, mechanical and safety condition of the car.

The technician will examine the exterior of the car, the interior, under the hood and the undercarriage and they'll pinpoint any existing conditions as well as highlight potential issues that could arise in the future.

By learning more about what's happening underneath the hood, you'll either feel more confident that you're making a great investment or you'll discover that there are a few hidden conditions that could give you more leverage with price negotiations.

When you take the vehicle for a PPI, it's always a great idea to bring along the vehicle history report, purchased through companies like CarProof. The mechanic can view the report and confirm that any prior accident or damage that's occurred during the vehicle's lifetime has been properly repaired.

Where can I get one?
If you're buying a car from a dealer, many dealerships can conduct the PPI on-site. They should also be open to you taking the vehicle for an inspection by an independent mechanic. As a consumer, it's your right, and a non-binding offer to purchase and a refundable deposit are usually considered acceptable pre-conditions to an inspection.

If you're getting the inspection done off-site or dealing with a private seller then you'll want to take the vehicle to a mechanic that you have a great relationship with. If you don't have a go-to service centre, you can ask friends and family for recommendations.

A pre-purchase inspection is the final step to making sure the car you're considering is the right vehicle for you. By arming yourself with information from a CarProof report and a PPI, you can be confident about the history of the vehicle, as well as its current state. NEWS CANADA

Why PPI?

They'll pinpoint any existing conditions as well as highlight potential issues that could arise in the future

A pre-purchase inspection by a qualified mechanic will let you know if you're buying a great investment or a lemon. NEWS CANADA

The electric car of Cadillacs

Toronto Auto Show. ELR to join Volt and Karma in Extended Range Electric Vehicle territory

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The 2014 Cadillac ELR is focusing on making the driver look good. HANDOUT

The 2014 Cadillac ELR is one of the cooler-looking brand-new production cars taking the stage at this week's auto show in Toronto.

It also makes GM a pioneer of sorts. Not like the folks on Little House on the Prairie, looking for really nice farming dirt. More like Thomas Edison, looking for new things that can be powered by electricity.

The Cadillac ELR is slated to start production late this year for an early 2014 on-sale date. That's when we'll find out if luxury buyers, already willing to pay a premium for a luxury ride and all it entails, are also willing to pay a bit extra for an electric powertrain.

Technically the ELR is not a pure electric vehicle. Like the Chevrolet Volt, it has an electric motor and an internal combustion engine, the latter used primarily for re-charging the ELR's battery so the vehicle is always "electrically" driven. You can also recharge it by plugging it in. Officially, GM calls it an Extended Range Electric Vehicle.

The only other extended range electric vehicles currently on the market would be the $42,000 Chevrolet Volt and the $100,000-plus Fisker Karma. A little too conveniently, all GM would say about ELR's projected price is that it would be more than Volt, less than Karma.

Cadillac is figuring, like Fisker and some others, that electricity is high-tech and desirable. But the styling of the ELR screams non-electric. You could very easily imagine it to be powered by something like a high-output V6.

The ELR is longer than the Cadillac ATS, but only offers the part-time rear seating area of a 2+2. The focus is clearly on the driver and making him or her feel good and look good.

While it has the same 1.4-litre "four" as Volt, and the same battery and electric motor set-up, it has slightly more power, due to new "battery discharge" software programming learned from Volt's first years on the road.

Handling should be several degrees better than Volt, due to a more advanced chassis, featuring 20-inch tires, a wide track, many aluminum pieces and a Watts Z-link rear suspension.

Among the many new and novel bits to ELR is Regen on Demand. When you need to slow down or come to a stop, you could use your brake pedal as usual, or you could engage Regen on Demand via paddle levers on the steering wheel. The experience is not unlike downshifting early on a manual transmission car. It's basic regenerative braking, as happens in all hybrid and EVs, but in Regen on Demand mode it does it with a lot more feeling, and a lot more electricity going back into the battery. Also neat is the system that allows drivers to select four driving modes: Sport — let's boogie; Tour — default setting; Mountain — gas engine actually provides some assistance to the electric motor; Hold — keeps your battery charge for when it might be more useful and efficient, like when you get to stop-and-go city traffic after a long commute.

It will be fun over the next few years, watching electric powertrains migrate to luxury segments, with more opportunity for styling and engineering advancements and experimentation. Let the pioneering games begin.

Details

Bullet Pointing the ELR:

- **EV range.** 56 km
- **EV plus gas range.** 480 km
- **Torque.** 298 lb-ft
- **Top speed.** 160 km/h
- **Looks.** Killer

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
There is tension in the air. Anything can happen at any moment. Go where your heart leads you today and don't worry about the consequences. It's OK to take a few risks. In fact, it's good for you.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
What happens today will take you by surprise, most likely because you have been fearing the worst. Could it be you were too negative in your evaluation of the situation? Of course. But now you know better.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Make sure you keep an eye on what partners and loved ones and work colleagues are up to today. Above all, don't let them sign you up for anything you are not 100 per cent convinced is good for you.

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Each sign is born with its own special talent and yours is your ability to sense what other people are feeling. Use that talent today to find out why someone you love feels under the weather then cheer them up.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You can do no wrong at the moment, but that does not mean you have permission to do what you know is very wrong indeed! Yes, you can push the envelope, a little, but don't push your luck too far.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Lay down the law and make sure everyone you have dealings with knows what is expected of them. Things have been a bit sloppy of late, so get your act together and make sure those around you do likewise.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
There may be some major upheavals today but the Sun in Aquarius has you covered, so you don't have to worry too much. Other people may be a bit negative though, so watch out for harmful emotions.

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
If there is a social or career opportunity you would like to take advantage of then go for it — now, this very moment. The longer you sit there thinking about it, the more likely it is you'll miss out.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
You can go anywhere. You can do anything. You are the master of your own destiny in every conceivable way. You find that hard to believe? Well, start believing it because it's absolutely true. Never doubt yourself.

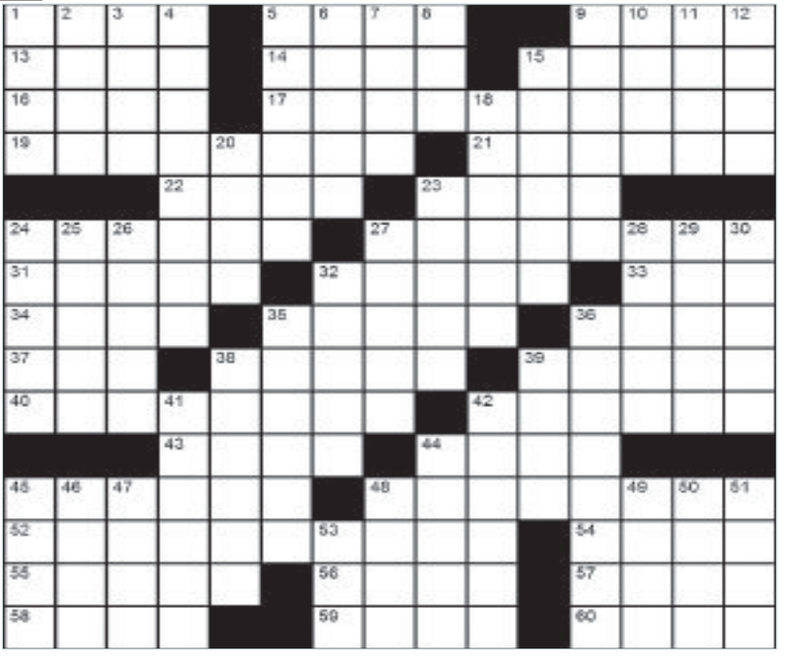
Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You need to go on the offensive today. You need to make sure your rivals understand that you will not just stand there and take what they choose to give you. You're the one with the talent, so you do the choosing.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You know instinctively when other people are lying to you, and that ability will come in handy over the next 24 hours. You don't have to let them know you are on to them though, at least not yet.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Someone in authority seems to be asking a lot of you at the moment but there is a good reason for it, and an even better reason why you should play along. Maybe they are testing you for future promotion! SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

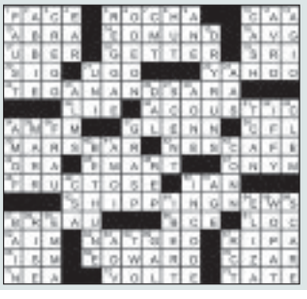
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. __ wash jeans
5. Slang for coffee
9. Comprehend
13. Memo
14. Adam and Eve's grandson
15. Spring flower
16. "_ __ Rock and Roll Music" by Peter, Paul and Mary
17. Canadian activist whose achievements include the Man In Motion World Tour: 2 wds.
19. Our national summer sport
21. Canadian filmmaker Atom
22. Pulitzer-winning writer James
23. Highbrow
24. Toronto concert venue, __ Hall
27. Canadian rap star, __ Offishall
31. Surface
32. "etalk" anchor Ms. Kim
33. Ginger __
34. Cooper car
35. Makes text thicker-looking
36. Take part
37. Ms. Ryan
38. Austin's state
39. Was angry
40. Margaret Atwood bestseller, The Blind __
42. "Beyond the Sea" singer Bobby, and others
43. Shabby __ (Interior design style)
44. Greek cheese
45. Tranquil
48. "__ Development"
52. Yes or No voting event in Quebec in 1980 and 1995
54. Positive
55. Apprehensive feeling
56. Crossword rendering of a bear's scratch-on-a-tree
57. Nile wader
58. __ Scale
59. Musical based on the work of T.S. Eliot
60. Wine holder

Down
1. Indigo dye source
2. Finale, in music
3. Suffix to 'Arthr'
4. Teen drama TV series
5. Football player's numbered top
6. Fennel-like flavour
7. Viva __ (Word-of-mouth)
8. Inquire
9. Obi-Wan __
10. Meddlesome [var. sp.]
11. Vitamins brand, __ _ Day
12. Las Vegas resorts mogul, Steve __
15. Tiered temple
18. Mr. Fonda's
20. S-shaped moulding
23. Alberta's Oil __
24. ABBA musical, __ Mia!
25. Ram's sign
26. Performs a tune
27. "Canadian Idol" Season 2 winner Mr. Porter
28. Ms. Campbell
29. 1979 Sigourney Weaver sci-fi movie
30. Loans
32. Britney Spears hit
35. Next to
36. "__ Park" (1993)
38. Vacation souvenir to wear
39. Destiny
41. Showbiz news show, "__ Hollywood"
42. Skin layer
44. Kiwi __
45. Stroller, in Britain
46. Letterman's rival
47. Kabul, __.
48. 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit
49. Marching band instrument
50. Greek goddess of discord
51. Office table
53. Ms. Kidman, to pals

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

6		9				5		
	1	3		4	9	2		
	7		2		5		1	
1	9		3				6	
			9	7	6			
	8				4		2	9
	6		4		7		5	
		5	8	1		6	9	
		8				1		2

Yesterday's Sudoku

9	8	1	6	4	7	3	5	2
4	2	3	8	1	5	6	7	9
6	7	5	9	2	3	1	8	4
8	3	6	2	5	4	9	1	7
1	5	9	3	7	8	4	2	6
2	4	7	1	9	6	8	3	5
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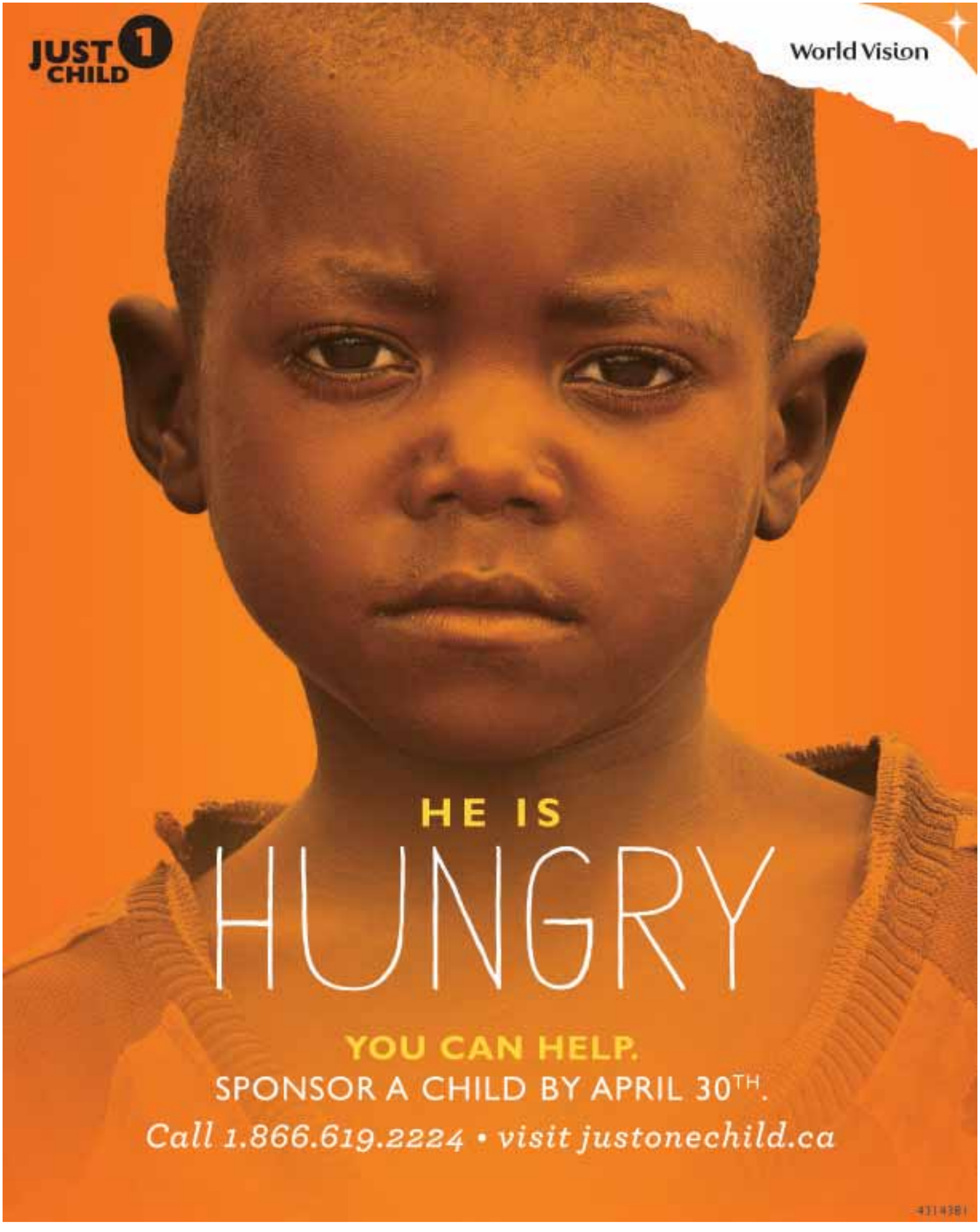
7	1	4	5	8	9	2	6	3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